

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0089

Title: Signing for visitor
information centers

**Primary
Sponsor:** Spook Stang

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$36,661	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Transportation:

1. Current visitor information signing will have to be removed and replaced.
2. Signs will be required at seven border locations. The border sign will be eight foot by four foot and will require two supports and breakaway bases. (7 signs @ \$2,120 = \$14,840)
3. Signs will be required near each exit, on the border side, of the information center. The sign is projected to be eight foot by eight foot and will require two supports and breakaway bases. (7 signs @ \$2,617 = \$18,319)
4. Installation of the signs, supports and bases would be by contract.
5. Additional signing would be maintained by the department.

6. Only the seven current sites are affected. Any additional sites would require similar signing.

Department of Commerce:

7. Department of Commerce contracts sign design with its agency of record.

8. Department of Commerce is not responsible for manufacture and erection of signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u>
Department of Transportation:		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$33,159	\$0
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$33,159	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$33,159)	\$0
Department of Commerce:		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$3,500	\$0
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$3,500	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,500)	\$0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Increased awareness of visitor center location will cause more people to stop for information. Studies show that better informed visitors stay longer and spend more money in the community and the state. Potential revenues to local and state government would increase due to increased tax collections.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

The Department of Transportation would have to maintain the additional signing.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Sign size, location and message content will have to be in conformance with requirements in the Congressional Federal Register, Montana Uniform Traffic Control Devices manual, and the proposed signing may require Federal Highway Administration approval for sizing and content.
2. Current visitor information signing complies with Visitor Information Signing policy and the cost of the existing signs has been borne by the developer/operator not the department.